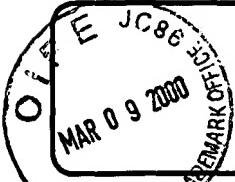


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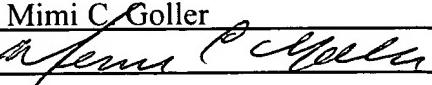
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Advisory Action dated February 28, 2000, wherein the Examiner states that the previous amendment dated February 14, 2000 was not entered.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11, 38 and 39 as follows:

11. (Twice Amended) A purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence that [specifically binds to] has at least 50% identity with a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3,